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APPLICANT: Sylvie Dubois et al.  
SERIAL NO.: 10/574,878 CONF. NO. 5441  
FILING DATE: February 6, 2007  
TITLE: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PELLETS OF A NUCLEAR FUEL  
BASED ON A (U,Pu)O<sub>2</sub> OR (U,Th)O<sub>2</sub> MIXED OXIDE  
EXAMINER: Theisen, Mary Lynn F.  
ART UNIT: 1791

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**REQUEST TO CORRECT FILING RECEIPT**

It is respectfully submitted that the Filing Receipt for the above-identified patent application has several errors.

1. The last name of the second inventor is "Cecillia". The name has been reversed and instead of "Cecilia Gilles", should be **--Gilles Cecilia--**.

2. The twelfth and fourteenth words of the title contain subscript numbers, and if possible, should be as follows:

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ON A (U, Pu) O<sub>2</sub> OR (U, Th) O<sub>2</sub> MIXED OXIDE**

3. Under the **Power of Attorney** section, instead of "Suvashis Bhattacharya – 46554" it should read as follows:

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Please amend the Filing Receipt and appropriate records to reflect the correct name of the second inventor and the correct title for the above-referenced patent application. A copy of the Filing Receipt is enclosed with the necessary correction indicated in red ink.


In addition, a copy of the Declaration & Power of Attorney showing the correct spelling of the second inventor's name, the correct title, as well as the power of attorney information, as initially filed on February 6, 2007, is enclosed as a reference.

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/574,878**

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Early Publication Request: No

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No Action Required:  
Action Required: Gilles Cecilia, Title,  
PCA

**Title**

Process for Producing Pellets of a Nuclear Fuel Based on a (U, Pu)<sub>02</sub> or (U, Th)<sub>02</sub>-Mixed Oxide  
<sub>02</sub>                      <sub>02</sub>

**Preliminary Class**

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

We (I) believe that we are (I am) the original, first, and joint (sole) inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on 04/06/2006

as Application Serial No. 10/574,878

and amended on

☒ was filed as PCT international application

Number PCT/FR2004/050483

on October 05, 2004

and was amended under PCT Article 19

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We (I) hereby state that we (I) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We (I) acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations.

We (I) hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d) or § 365 (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365 (a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. Prior Foreign Application (s)

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We (I) hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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